



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2021 to 09/30/2021

Chugach National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				

Chugach National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R10 - Alaska Region

Forest-wide Deferred Trail Maintenance Projects, FY2021 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/01/2020	Expected: 06/2021 Actual: 05/21/2021 04/30/2021	06/2021	Monika Adam 907-288-7720 monika.c.adam@usda.gov
	Description: Deferred maintenance on numerous trails across the forest, funded by the Great American Outdoors Act.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59886				
	Location: UNIT - Chugach National Forest All Units. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula, Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Deferred trail maintenance will occur across all three districts on many popular summer and/or winter motorized and nonmotorized trails.				

Chugach National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R10 - Alaska Region

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Chugach National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R10 - Alaska Region
AK Railroad is proposing to install remote avalanche control towers at three sites on the Glacier RD CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2021	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: AKRR is proposing to install remote avalanche control (RAC) towers at MP71.2 and MP69.9 Seward Hwy and at MP 6.8 Portage Hwy. Construction will occur over the next few years as funding is available.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59627				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District, Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Kern T.10 N., R.2 E.,Sec.27; Centerline T.5N., R.2E., Sec.2; Door 4 T.8 N., R.3 E., Sec 12&13. Remote Avalanche Towers will be installed along Turnagain Arm at MP71.2 and MP69.9 Seward Hwy and at MP 6.8 Portage Hwy near the Whittier Tunnel.				
Recreation Special Use Permits - New Proposals and Modifications to existing authorizations CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2021	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Monika Adam 907-288-7720 mcadam@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of new outfitting and guiding authorizations to approved applications, or modification to existing outfitter guide authorizations in areas that have no capacity or resource concerns.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59620				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District, Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Service trails and recreation sites on the Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound.				
Recreation Special Uses - Reissuance of expiring authorizations with no changes. CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2021	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Monika Adam 907-288-7720 mcadam@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of existing outfitting and guiding authorizations with no change in location or scope of use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59621				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District, Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Service trails and recreations sites on the Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound.				

Chugach National Forest	Cordova Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R10 - Alaska Region
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Chugach National Forest Cordova Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Alaska Sheep River Hunting Outfitter/Guide 10-Year Permit Reissue CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/28/2019	Expected:02/2020	02/2020	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Ben Stevenson of Sheep River Hunting is requesting his permit be reissued for a new 10-year term. Sheep River Hunting has received acceptable on his performance evaluation and is not making changes to his current permit. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56446				
	Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sheep River Hunting is authorized for hunting in GUA 06-03C and 06-03D. Temporary camps are authorized. An assigned site is approve appx. 1 mile north of Dead Lake.				
CTC fiberoptic cable installation along Copper River Highway MP16.8 toMP27. CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed		05/2021	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 debra.srb@usda.gov
	Description: Cordova Telephone Cooperative is laying fiberoptic cable on National Forest System Lands along the Copper River Highway between MP16.8 and MP27. The installation is part of the Cordova to Yakatat telephone project. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60052				
	Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The fiberoptic cable will be installed along the Copper River Highway MP16.8 through MP27. West Copper River Delta, Cordova Ranger District.				
Coalition of Christian Outreach is proposing to hiking and camping on Cordova Ranger District. CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/05/2021	Expected:09/2021	05/2022	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Coalition of Christian Outreach Experiential Designs is proposing to bring college students to camp in Sheep Bay, Orca Inlet, Orca Bay, and Simpson Bay and hike and camp on the Sand Trail leading to the Scott Glacier. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59626				
	Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Camping will occur within Sheep Bay and Simpson Bay and hiking in Orca Inlet and Orca Bay, Prince William Sound. Hiking, camping, and mountaineering will occur along Sand Trail and Scott Glacier.				

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Cordova Ranger District Guided Helicopter Skiing Project EA	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/12/2021	Expected:11/2021	12/2021	Jennifer MacDonald 907-738-2786 jennifer.l.macdonald@usda.gov
	Description: Project proposes to issue special use permits for guided helicopter skiing activities on NFS lands within the Cordova Ranger District. Activities are expected to begin in Dec 2021.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59615				
	Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. A portion of the Chugach Mountain Range on the Cordova Ranger District.				
Martin Lake Cabin Repair CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/01/2020	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	Teresa Paquet 907-754-2314 tpaquet@fs.fed.us
	Description: Repair the foundation and roof of the popular Martin Lake Public Use Cabin, which is closed to public use until these repairs are made. Funded by Great American Outdoors Act.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59888				
	Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Martin Lake Public Use Cabin on Martin Lake, Cordova RD.				
McCarthy River tours is proposing to conduct Outfitter Guide activities along the Copper River. CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Nick Merlino or McCarthy River tours is proposing to raft clients down the Copper River and camp on National Forest system lands along the way.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59625				
	Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Camping will be allowed on national forest system lands along the Copper River in analysis area 02-02A2 Martin and 06-02B West Delta.				

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Chugach National Forest Cordova Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
NGOA Marine, LLC (Aurelia Charters) has submitted a proposal to provide hiking to his clients. CE	- Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2021	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: NGOA Marine, LLC (Aurelia Charters)has submitted a proposal to provide guided hiking on the both Cordova and Glacier Ranger Districts. 90 service days is being requested.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59570				
	Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hiking will occur in Port Gravina and Port Fidalgo on the Cordova RD and within the Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area on the Glacier RD.				

Chugach National Forest Glacier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Alaska Department of Fish & Game 2021 Proposed Projects at the Cannery Creek Fish Hatchery. CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2021	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Buffie Cerutti 907-691-5383 buffie.Cerutti@usda.gov
	Description: Multiple projects have been proposed to upgrade the Cannery Creek Fish Hatchery site and address safety issues.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59579				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cannery Creek Fish Hatchery, located on the eastern shore of Unakwik Inlet, Prince William Sound.				
Bus tours to Begich, Boggs Visitor Center and Portage Valley Day Use Sites CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/21/2021	05/2021	Eric Ganshert 907-754-2373 Eric.Ganshert@usda.gov
	Description: Issuing special use permits to commercial bus/van tour companies for conducting bus tours to the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center and day use sites in Portage Valley				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59022				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage. LEGAL - T8NR3ESec4-5,9-10,13-14. Begich, Boggs Visitor Center and all day-use sites in Portage Valley.				

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GCI Communications, Corp. is realigning fiberoptic line along MP77.5 and 80.7 Seward Highway. CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 debra.srb@usda.gov
	Description: GCI is proposing to install approximately 750 feet of new fiberoptic line and one new vault between Seward Highway MP77.5 and 80.7 as part of the Seward Highway MP75-90 Road and Bridge Rehabilitation project.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60044				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mile Post 77.5 and 80.7 Seward Highway.				
Outfitter/Guide Permit Amendment, Alaska Backcountry Access CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/08/2019	04/2019	Phillip Zumstein 907-754-2315 pwzumstein@fs.fed.us
	Description: This decision is a response to the proposal for a permit modification from Alaska Backcountry Access.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54412				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Twentymile valley, Portage Valley, Turnagain Pass, Johnson Pass, Placer River Drainage, Palmer Creek Rd, Upper Winner Creek, Crow Pass.				
USGS Volcano Science Center Installation of Tsunami Research Equipment CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/16/2021	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Buffie Cerutti 907-691-5383 buffie.cerutti@usda.gov
	Description: USGS is proposing a multi-agency cooperative research effort to assess tsunamigenic landslide hazards in the Barry Arm area of Prince William Sound, Alaska.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60128				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Barry Arm, Prince William Sound, Alaska.				
Winner Creek and Upper Winner Creek Trails--Deferred Maintenance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/01/2020	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	Teresa Paquet 907-754-2314 tpaquet@fs.fed.us
	Description: Deferred trail maintenance, to include a small trail relocation to protect resources. Funded by the Great American Outdoors Act.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59938				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Deferred maintenance and a trail relocation for resource protection on the Winner Creek Trail (part of the Iditarod National Historic Trail) and Upper Winner Creek Trail in Girdwood.				

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Chugach National Forest Seward Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Overhead electrical distribution line rebuild- Sterling Highway CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2021	Expected:05/2021	07/2021	Buffie Cerutti 208-942-0319 buffie.cerutti@usda.gov
	Description: This proposal is to rebuild an approximately 4-mile segment of overhead electrical distribution lines between Dave's Creek Substation, at MP 40.7, Sterling Highway and the Sunrise Inn, near MP 45. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60082				
	Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - T5N, R2W, Sections 17,18, 19 and 20, S.M., Alaska. Sterling Highway, Kenai Peninsula Borough, AK.				
Minecraft Plan of Operations CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 04/01/2021	05/2021	Scott Leslie 907-288-7729 scott.leslie@usda.gov
	Description: Seasonal placer mining operating with temporary camp. Suction dredging and hand tools with access by ATV. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58226				
	Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. End of Bear Creek Road that originates off the Hope Highway.				
PBE Mining Plan of Operations CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 04/02/2021	05/2021	Scott Leslie 907-288-7729 sjleslie@fs.fed.us
	Description: Seasonal placer mining operating with temporary camp. Suction dredging and hand tools with access by ATV. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58701				
	Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The operation is located on Palmer Creek approximately 1.75 miles down the mining road that begins at the gate at Mile 3.4 of the Palmer Creek Road near Hope, Alaska.				
TelAlaska Relocation of Buried Cable CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Buffie Cerutti 907-691-5383 buffie.cerutti@usda.gov
	Description: TelAlaska will be required to relocate some of their facilities in the Lakeview area of Moose Pass to accommodate the Alaska Department of Transportation Seward Hwy MP 17-22.5 project. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60113				
	Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T.3 N R.1E Sec. 7 and 18, Seward Meridian, AK				

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Chugach National Forest Seward Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Trail River Bridge Replacement and Construction of Public Use Cabin at Trail River Campground CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/14/2020	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	Marion Glaser 907 288 7739 marion.glaser@usda.gov
	Description: Replace the bridge across the Trail River on the road accessing Trail River Campground. Construct a new public use cabin adjacent to the Trail River Campground.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57637				
	Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Trail River Campground lies on the Kenai Peninsula, about 70 miles due south of Anchorage, Alaska, and 5 miles south of the community of Moose Pass, Alaska.				
Vagt Lake Trailhead CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/14/2020	Expected:08/2021	05/2022	Marion Glaser 907 288 7739 marion.glaser@usda.gov
	Description: This project will include the planning, design and construction of a trailhead for the INHT- Vagt Lake connector segment. It will provide for parking, a vault toilet, lake access, and ATV trailer parking at this existing recreation site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57635				
	Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located at Mile 25 of the Seward Highway; 3 miles South of Moose Pass, AK.				

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